



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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**REVIEW OF NOMINATING PETITION**

**Jason Thompson**  
**Candidate for Judge of the 46<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court**  
**Regular Term, Non-Incumbent Position**

**NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED:** 200 signatures.

**TOTAL FILING:** 232 signatures.

**RESULT OF FACE REVIEW:** 119 face valid signatures; 113 invalid signatures.

Total number of signatures filed:		232
Signatures affixed to non-compliant nominating petition forms ("old form"):		113
Face valid signatures:		119

The candidate circulated two different nominating petition forms: the standard format of the nominating petition form approved by the Director of Elections in January 2015 ("new form"), and the version approved by the Director of Elections in March 2000 ("old form"). Development of the new form was necessitated by the enactment of Public Act 418 of 2014 which altered the following elements of the form:

- The mandatory text of the warning to petition signers was lengthened to warn signers that "[a] person who knowingly signs more petitions for the same office than there are persons to be elected to the office, *signs a petition more than once*, or signs a name other than his or her own is violating the provisions of the Michigan Election Law." (Italicized text is new.)
- The mandatory language of the Certificate of Circulator was amended to authorize out-of-state residents to circulate nominating petitions so long as the out-of-state circulator checked a box to indicate his or her assent to the jurisdiction of the State of Michigan for limited purposes.

The new form reflects the changes made by Public Act 418 of 2014, and signatures affixed to the old form are not compliant with MCL 168.544c.

**FINAL RESULT:** 119 valid signatures.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Determine petition insufficient.